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**RE: *Anglophone & Allophone Voters - Comments & The Proposition
APPROACH TO WIN A MAJORITY CAQ GOVERNMENT***

Dear respected CAQ members:

Yesterday's debate showed now clear winners. And as the Gazette writer, Peggy Curan has pointed out this morning, "His (M. Legault's) rant about Bill 101 and Montreal businesses won't win him any friends among anglo and allophone voters in Montreal-area ridings".

As your candidate for Notre-Dame-de-Grace (NDG), I have been speaking with voters in the NDG riding. The majority of the voters in NDG are anglophones or allophones and if they are francophones, they are those who choose to live in a largely English-speaking and ethnically diverse riding. These voters have real doubt about M. Legault and his stance towards the English-speaking and Allophone communities in Quebec. Though they would like to believe in M. Legault, he has not yet won their confidence. Legault's attempts to simply state that "the CAQ is an alternative to the Liberals" is not enough.

M. Legault needs to take a clear stand on what his treatment and approach will be towards the English-speaking community of Quebec if he aims to win a majority CAQ government.

His stance so far has been ambiguous. But from last night's debates, M. Legault has now left the impression that once in power, he will go forward with expanding and enforcing the powers of the OQLF to repress and punish business owners and families who transact in English.

The result of his rant about how deplorable it is to go to downtown Montreal and hear English in commerce means two things for the English-speaking community: (1) M. Legault will continue to support the trend that it is fashionable to pretend that the English community is not truly part of this province and that they don't have a right to exist; (2) M. Legault will continue with the current repression of English and Allophone communities who contribute to the culture and tax-base of Quebec, leaving them no choice to consider leaving Quebec.

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Most importantly, from the canvassing that I have done in NDG, the voters who I have spoken with have made it clear to say that **the CAQ doesn't really offer the English speaking community anything different from the Liberals**, with regards to protecting their place and traditions in Quebec society. And a move towards further repression of English culture and the use of the English language in natural settings where it is convenient and culturally traditional to do so, represents voters' fears of what would occur, were the CAQ to form a government.

We need Legault to take a clear stand. We need Legault to take a small but courageous and deliberate step forward to say that the English and Allophone communities of Quebec **belong in Québec and are needed** in order to relaunch Quebec into a prosperous and harmonious province. We need Legault to take a stand to say that in his Quebec, intolerance is unacceptable and that hating one group or another harms Quebec's progress. We need Legault to be a leader who will build a Quebec that includes and respects all of its different peoples.

It is not enough to say that the CAQ is an alternative. M. Legault has to take the decision to say that a CAQ-led government would include respecting and working with the English and Allophone communities who are part of Quebec. Respecting these communities also means more than just writing it in the CAQ's electoral platform. It really means that Legault would lead a Quebec society that respects English and Allophone communities right to exist, their right to contribute to Quebec culture in their own way and their right to "be themselves" and speak their language without being repressed, chastised or made ashamed to do so.

English and Allophone communities belong in Quebec, they are part of Quebec society and they should be allowed to take their place in Quebec society with everyone else, side-by-side and in harmony with their fellow Francophone Quebecers.

Without this stand, M. Legault does not have a chance in winning a majority government. He must exercise the courage to open his heart to all of Quebec's peoples and see that repressing the English and Allophone communities is not befitting of a leader, much less of a Premier of a province that has longstanding non-francophone communities that have been part of Quebec for generations.

If we are going to win NDG, Darcy McGee or even Outremont and other English or Ethnically diverse ridings, the candidates of these ridings need M. Legault to take this stand.

I offer these comments constructively, positively and in respect of the fact that I too, want to build a Quebec that moves beyond its divisions. I am part of the English speaking community and I love Quebec, I love la langue française and I want Quebec to prosper.

I am available to M. Legault and to the CAQ strategists and organizers to discuss and develop this approach in further detail. I must mention that Robert Libman and Marlene Jennings, who have offered me and continue to offer their mentoring and advice to me could be contacted in order to develop this approach forward.

Best Regards,

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